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WATER CONTACT CLOSURE FOR SOUTH COUNTY BEACHES FLOWS AT TIJUANA ESTUARY MOUTH MOVING NORTH

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health has extended the water contact closure at the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge shoreline north to include the Imperial Beach, Silver Strand State Beach and Coronado ocean shorelines. The closure at the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge was issued on February 21st following rain which caused sewage-contaminated runoff in the Tijuana River to enter the United States and the Tijuana Estuary. River flows are entering the estuary again after rain last night. Field measurements today indicate northward moving ocean currents near the mouth of the Tijuana Estuary. Signs warning of sewage contaminated water will remain in place until field measurements indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the Tijuana River, please call the U.S. International Boundary & Water Commission at 619-662-7600.

***For updates on beach closure information please call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073.
OR www.cleanup.org enter your zip code and select Beach Water Quality***

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